



US 20190297457A1

(19) **United States**(12) **Patent Application Publication** (10) **Pub. No.: US 2019/0297457 A1**  
(43) **Pub. Date: Sep. 26, 2019**(54) **ENHANCED AUTOMOTIVE PASSIVE ENTRY****Publication Classification**(71) Applicant: **Apple Inc.**, Cupertino, CA (US)(51) **Int. Cl.**  
**H04W 4/02** (2006.01)  
**G07C 9/00** (2006.01)  
**B60R 25/24** (2006.01)(72) Inventors: **Brent M. Ledvina**, San Francisco, CA (US); **Robert W. Brumley**, Menlo Park, CA (US); **Robert William Mayor**, Half Moon Bay, CA (US); **William J. Bencze**, Half Moon Bay, CA (US); **Alejandro J. Marquez**, Sunnyvale, CA (US); **Shang-Te Yang**, San Jose, CA (US); **Xu Chen**, San Jose, CA (US); **Indranil S. Sen**, Cupertino, CA (US); **Mohit Narang**, Cupertino, CA (US)(52) **U.S. Cl.**  
CPC ..... **H04W 4/023** (2013.01); **B60R 2325/205** (2013.01); **B60R 25/24** (2013.01); **G07C 9/00119** (2013.01)(73) Assignee: **Apple Inc.**, Cupertino, CA (US)(21) Appl. No.: **16/371,838**(22) Filed: **Apr. 1, 2019****Related U.S. Application Data**

(63) Continuation of application No. 15/894,774, filed on Feb. 12, 2018, now Pat. No. 10,285,013.

(60) Provisional application No. 62/457,747, filed on Feb. 10, 2017.

(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods and devices are provided for allowing a mobile device (e.g., a key fob or a consumer electronic device, such as a mobile phone, watch, or other wearable device) to interact with a vehicle such that a location of the mobile device can be determined by the vehicle, thereby enabling certain functionality of the vehicle. A device may include both RF antenna(s) and magnetic antenna(s) for determining a location of a mobile device relative to the vehicle. Such a hybrid approach can provide various advantages. Existing magnetic coils on a mobile device (e.g., for charging or communication) may be re-used for distance measurements that are supplemented by the RF measurements. Any device antenna may provide measurements to a machine learning model that determines a region in which the mobile device resides, based on training measurements in the regions.

800

